



**MAITREYI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY**  
**VIJAYNAGAR COLONY, HYDERABAD**  
**SSC**  
**LAST MINUTE PRACTISE PAPER-2026**  
**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**TIME: 3 HRS**

**PART A & B**

**MARKS: 60**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Read the question paper carefully
2. Answer the questions under Part-A in the answer booklet
3. Write the answer to the questions under Part-B on the question paper itself, Avoid overwriting

**PART-A**

**No (1-4): Read the following passage**

Exchanging pleasantries with people he met on the way. Bayaji reached the public building called Takkaya in the untouchables' settlement. The building was named Buddha Vihar by those who had embraced Buddhism. As Bayaji neared Buddha Vihar, the children, who were playing with a ball made of rags, finished their game and cried out, 'Bayaji Nana is here, Bayaji Nana is here!' and scampered in the direction of Bayaji's house. Bayaji's eighty five year old mother quickly scrambled to her feet. She had aged much but her old-worn frame was still sturdy, and her teeth were strong enough to break grams. She could thread a needle without help. When she heard of Bayaji's arrival her heart swelled.

As Bayaji came in, his wife concealed her joy with the end of her sari and took down the box from his head. His grandchildren clung to him and began to twist the folds of his dhoti. The neighbouring children watched the scene in idle curiosity.

Come, get into the house, children said Bayaji. His mother walked out with a bent back and told Bayaji to wait outside the door. Bayaji obeyed

The old woman came forward, poured some water over the piece of bread in her hand, moved it around Bayaji's face and flung it away as an offering.

**She ran her palms over his cheeks and pressed her fingers on her temples.  
All eight fingers gave out a cracking sound**

**(The Storeyed House)**



**Answer each of the following questions in three to four sentences.  
(4 x 3=12 Marks)**

- 1.What did Bayaji do on his way and where did he reach?**
- 2.How did the children react on seeing Bayan?**
- 3.What did the mother of Bayaji do as he waited outside?**
- 4.What does Takkyia in the untouchables' settlement refer to? Do you think we should entertain this kind of discrimination?**

**Q.No. (5-8): Read the following passage.**

**A young man asked Socrates the secret to success. Socrates told the young man to meet him near the river the next morning. They met. Socrates asked the young man to walk with him towards the river. When the water got up to their neck, Socrates took the young man by surprise and ducked him into the water. The boy struggled to get out but Socrates was strong and kept him there until the boy started turning blue. Socrates pulled his head out of the water and the first thing the young man did was to gasp and take a deep breath of air. Socrates asked, "What did you want the most when you were there?" The boy replied, "Air. Socrates said, That is the secret to success. When you want success as badly as you wanted the air, then you will get it. There is no other secret".**

**A burning desire is the starting point of all accomplishments. Just like a small fire cannot live much heat, a weak desire cannot produce great results.**

**(Every Success Story is also a Story of Great Failures)**

**Answer each of the following questions in three to four sentences.  
(4 x 3=12 Marks)**

- 1.Why did Socrates take the young man in the steer? What according to you is the secret to success?**
- 2.What suggestion did socrates give to succeed in life? Do you agree or disagree with the secret? give your reasons.**
- 3.How did the young man react as his head was pulled out of water? How would you feel if you were in such a situation?**
- 4.Pick Three TRUE statements according to the passage**

A Socrates tried to kill the young man

B. The young man was in search of knowing the secret to success

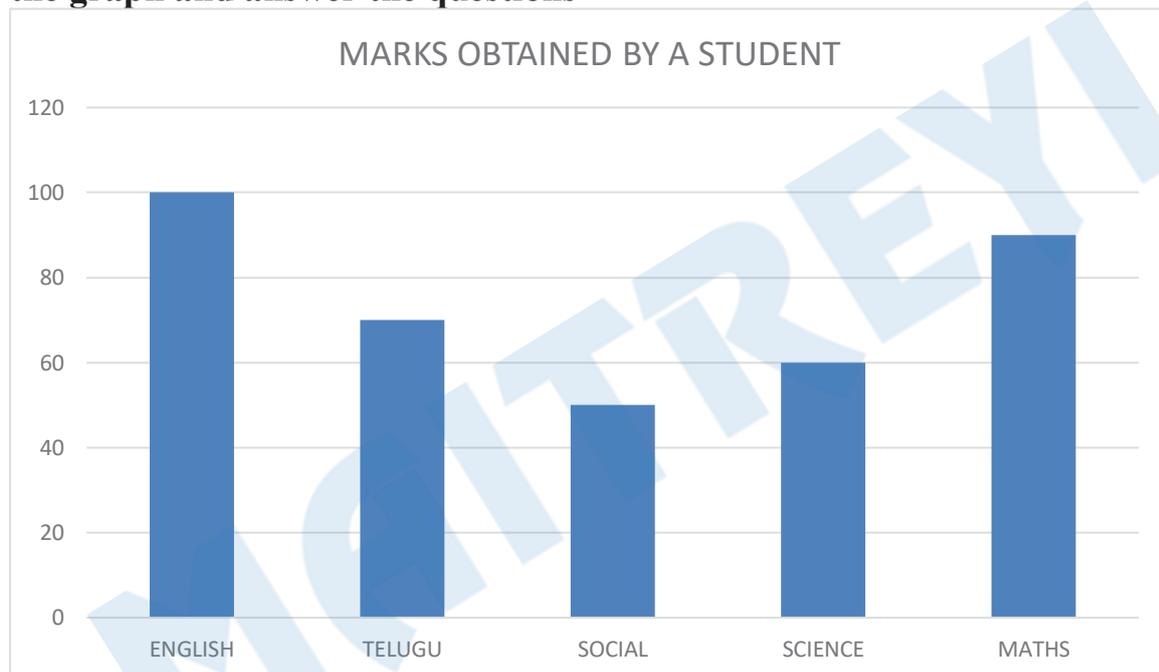
C. If our desire is weak, we cannot produce great results

D. When we wish to succeed, we should duck ourselves in water

E Socrates ducked the young man to help him know the secret to success



**Q.No.(9-12):** Here is a comparative study of population in five subjects of a student. These figures are represented in the form of a bar graph. Look at the graph and answer the questions



**9** What does the bar graph present? How many segments are presented in the bar graph and what are they?

**10.** Which is the least scored subject? How can one improve in this subject?

**11** Which subject has the highest marks? What do you like the most in this subject?

**12** Mention the subjects in which the student scored 70 and above

**Q.No. 13:** Read the passage given below focusing on the parts that are underlined. Answer any 4 of the questions as directed and write them in the answer booklet. (4 x 2 = 8 Marks) (1)

As soon as, he was out of sight, Mani went running to Manda (1) He wept loudly and beat his chest (iii) Then, he fell on the floor, sobbing and announced. The master is dead! The cart over turned on the road. Our master has been flattened like chapathi" (iv) As soon as Rajendra's wife and relatives heard this, they started wailing. Mani rushed out, saying he would bring back the body while everyone started preparing for the last

rites. (v) Mani now went running to his master and said, "Master your is dead. (vi) & cobra bit her and she fell to the ground, as blue as the sky.



**A:Begin the sentence with Mani**

\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Rewrite the sentence using not only but also**

\_\_\_\_\_

**C. Add suitable question tag A**

\_\_\_\_\_

**D. Rewrite the sentence using no sooner'**

\_\_\_\_\_

**E. Rewrite the sentence in indirect speech.**

\_\_\_\_\_

**F.Begin the sentence with As.**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Q.N0.14: In the reading The journey, you have read about narrator's feelings of his is to his house for a special reason and the way he felt all the time while heading to bound the bus to his work imagine you have been to Nagarjunasagar, nalgonda, which is one of the famous tourist places in Telangana. You enjoyed your trip. You had wonderful memories to cherish.**

**Now write a description of Nagarjunas Sager in your own words**

**OR**

**(10 Marks)**

**Write a letter to the editor on the adverse effects of Global Warming**

**You may use the following ideas**

- Causes    -Effects    -Measures to reduce Global Warming**
- Roles and responsibilities of authorities and citizens**

**Q.NO.15: in the lesson "My Childhood, you have come across Abdul Kalam and his friends attending school. Now, imagine the school which Abdul Kalam attended won the inter school sports competition conducted**

at the District headquarters. You are one of the members of the winning team Make an entry in your diary expressing your feelings for the day  
(5 Marks)



**Q.No. 16:** Imagine you are the secretary of the "Cultural Club" of your school

You wish to conduct "Save Water" campaign in your locality. Now, prepare a POSTER keeping in view the following details.

- Title of the poster            -Proper layout and illustrations            -Target audience
- Who issued the poster?    -Highlights of the campaign
- Schedule of the campaign

**PART-B**

**(5 Marks)**

**instructions:**

1. Answer the questions on the question paper itself and attach it to the answer booklet of Part-A
2. Avoid overwriting.

**Q.No. (17-21):** Read the following poem.

**A Green Cornfield**

The earth was green, the sky was blue  
I saw and heard one sunny morn  
A skylark hang between the two,  
A singing speck above the corn.....1

A state below in gay accord,  
White butterflies danced on wing.  
And still the singing skylark soared,  
And silent sank and soared to sing.....2

The cornfield stretched a tender green  
To right and left between my walks  
I know he had next unseen  
Somewhere among the million stalks.....3

And as I paused to hear his song  
While swift the sunny moments sild,  
Perhaps his mate sat listening long.

And listened longer than I did.....4

-Christina Rosetti

Now, answer the questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct and write A, B,C or D in the brackets given. (5x15 Marks)



17. This poem is about \_\_\_\_\_

- (A) the writer's love for the nature
- (B) the writer's passion for the morning sun
- (C) the writer's deep love for the bird watching
- (D) the writer's love for the singing of the skylark

18. What does the word 'two' refer to ?

- A)the branches      (B) earth and the sky
- C)corn fields      (D) morning sun and corn fields

19 The word 'gay' from the above passage means

- (A) gloomy      (B) cloudy      (C) cheerful      (D) dark

20. Where was the poet?

- (A) walking on the road
- (B) walking on the path between corn fields
- (C) soaring in the sky
- (D) none

21 Who was the other one longing to hear the song with poet?

- (A) skylark's partner
- (B) the poet's partner
- (C) the poet
- (D) none

Q.No. (22-26): In the following passage five sentences are numbered and each of them has an error. Correct them and rewrite them in the given space. (5x1=5 Marks)

(22) You have not been here--- look by the state of the house it's like the choultry. (23) Oh what the relief you were here, now it was like a festival for us, said Sarada's husband.

(24) Just scrubbing the floor will not make the festival (25) By the way, from then onwards don't call me yemoi geemoi. My name is Sarada call me Sarada, understood?

(26) Having said it she ran inside, humming, joyously



22. \_\_\_\_\_  
23. \_\_\_\_\_  
24. \_\_\_\_\_  
25. \_\_\_\_\_  
26. \_\_\_\_\_

**Q.No. (27-31): Complete the passage choosing the right word from those given below. Each blank is numbered and each blank has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D). Choose the correct answer and write A, B, C or D in the brackets given. (5x15 Marks)**

Once Jawaharlal Nehru said that \_\_\_\_\_ (27) is wealth. And our health is the \_\_\_\_\_ (28) of our diet. We are \_\_\_\_\_ (29) we eat exactly. It is also \_\_\_\_\_ (30) that in a healthy body a healthy mind \_\_\_\_\_ (31).

- 27 . a.health    b. healthy    c. healing    d. heal  
28. a. reflect    b. reflecting    c. reflection    d. reflected  
29. a. that    b. what    c.this    d. whole  
30. a. believe    b. believed.    c.believing    d. believable  
31. a. exit    b exist    c. existed    d. exists

**Q.No. (32-36): Read the following passage with focus on the underlined parts. Answer them as directed in the space given. (5x1=5 Marks)**

"When I was 13, I read a newspaper article about a disabled (32) man who had managed to achieve great things and help others," said Nick.

I realised why God had made us like this to give hope to others. It was so inspiration (33) to me that I decided to used (34) my life to encourage (35) other people and give them the courage that the news (36) had given me.

**32. Write the word that has the same meaning of the underlined word.**

A

**33 Write the correct form of the underlined word.**

A



34. Replace the underlined word with a correct one.

A

35. Write the word that is opposite in meaning of the underlined word.

A

36. Replace the underlined word with a suitable one

A:

X-----X

### KEY

Q.No.(1-4): Read the following passage

1. Bayaji exchanged pleasantries with the people he met on his way and reached the public building called Takkyia in the untouchables' settlement. The building was named Buddha Vihar by those bad embraced Buddhism. Bayaji's house was located near to it.

2. As Bayaji neared Buddha Vihar, the children who were playing with a ball made of rags saw him. They finished their game and cried out, "Baiju Nana is here, Baiju Nana is here!". They scampered in the direction of Bayaji's house.

3. Bayaji's mother went out with a bent back and asked him to wait outside the door. The old woman came forward, poured some water over the piece of bread in her hand, moved it around Bayaji's face and flung it away as an offering. She ran her palms over his checks and pressed her fingers on her temples. All eight fingers gave out a cracking sound.

4 Takkyia is a public building in the untouchable's settlement. The building was named Budha Vihar by those who embraced Budhism. As dalits were treated as inferiors they were not allowed into any temple So they themselves built one Budha Vihar. This discrimination should be eradicated

Q.No. (5-8): Read the following passage.

5. Socrates took the young man to the river in order to teach him the secret to success. According to me, the secret to success is learning from failures. We may even have to risk sometimes, all it takes is courage to succeed.



6. Socrates suggested that when you want success as badly as you want the air, then you will get it. I totally agree with this secret because we should never quit trying and we should never get depressed to face the failure. These could suffocate us but we should be determined to keep trying

7. The young man was so long in the water that he turned blue. At this instance, when his head was pulled out of water, all he did was gasp and take a deep breath of air. If I were in such a situation I would also have longed for air as much as the young man.

8. B. The young man was in search of knowing the secret to success.

C. If our desire is weak, we cannot produce great results.

E. Socrates ducked the young man to help him know the secret to success.

Q.No. (9-12): Study the Bar graph carefully and answer the following questions.

9. The bar graph presents the marks obtained by a student out of 100. This presents five segments They are English, Telugu, Science, Social and Maths.

10. The lease scored subject is science. One can improve in this subject through reading fe understanding and keeping it practical.

11. The subject in which highest marks are scored is English. In this subject, I like novels. My favouri novel is "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' by Mark Twain.

12. The subjects in which the student scored 70 and above are Telugu - 70 marks, Maths-90 mark and English 100 marks.

Q.No. 13:

I. Mani went running to Manda as soon as he wut of sight

II. He not only wept loudly but also beat his chest

III. Then he fell on the floor, subbing and announced. The muster is dead isn't he?



(iv) No sooner had they heard this than Rajendra's wife and relatives started wailing

V. Mani then went running to his master and said that his wife was dead

(VI) As she was bitten by a cobra, she fell to the ground.

Q.No. 14:

### **NAGARJUNA SAGAR**

World's largest masonry dam protected with 26 gates measuring 124.663 m in height, NagarJuna Sagar Dam located in Nalgonda District is built across River Krishna. The dam has a storage capacity of nearly 11. 472 million cubic meters with an irrigation capacity for 9.81 lakh acres of land. The dam remains as a major tourist attraction. In fact, it is among the first irrigation projects started by the Indian Government as an element of Green Revolution. Today, it is alas a source of hydro electricity apart from its contribution to irrigation. The dam attracts a huge number of tourists owing to its great magnificence as well as the cover of dense green surrounding it offering an absolutely captivating view

Nagarjuna Sagar Dam is a site to behold when its gates are opened during the peak flood season in monsoon. it is considered one of the largest dams built in the recent times in Asia As the tallest masonry dam. Nagarjuna Sagar Dam is also the pride of India. The project has a catchment area of roughly 215000 Sq. km. The project also boasts of the largest canal system network in India. The mighty dam was completed in the year 1969 and has a majestic height of 124 meters. It is 1 km long, and has 26 crest gates. The dam can store up to 11, 472 million cube meters of water in the reservoir.

The project commenced in February 1956 and after a brief gap, due to lack of modern equipment it was constructed with stone rather than concrete. The dam was completed fully in 1972 once the crest gates were installed. The dam has two canals, the left and right canals that supply water from the reservoir. The dam is also one of the earliest projects built in post-independent India for irrigation and hydro-electricity generation. Exclusively for the purpose of tourism, a lake developed behind the dam, which boasts of its status as the third largest man-made lake anywhere in the world.

A beautiful landscape and strikingly scenic water body adds beauty to the impressive structure. The turbines for power generation are located

towards Nalgonda (Telangana) district. The dam derives its name from a nearby hillock and island called Nagarjuna Konda, where an ancient Buddhist Guru had once lived. There is a famous and well-maintained museum here that houses ancient artefacts. Apart from the lake where regular boating facilities are provided, tourists can also visit other attractions such as Ethipothala waterfalls, and Srisailem Wildlife Reserve close by. The dam was envisioned to be a temple of modern India, according to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. Apart from meeting drinking water needs, irrigation and power requirements, the dam is an attractive tourist destination owing to the large reservoir, the mighty flow when the crest gates are open present a panoramic view which enthral tourists.



OR  
Q.NO: 15.

Park Avenue  
Kukatpally  
Hyderabad  
19 November 20XX

To  
The Editor  
The Hindu  
Hyderabad

Sub: Adverse effects of Global Warming related.

Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to spread awareness regarding global warming and the adverse effects of it. Surveys conducted on global warming everyday by World Health Organization (WHO), Meteorological Departments and Scientific Research Centers are enough to know how much the environment is degrading day-to-day

Global Warming is effecting the health of the people by causing skin diseases, dehydration, etc., and creating many health hazards throughout the globe. Temperature is rising rapidly in all parts of the world because of the depletion of ozone layer, even the glaciers are melting down rapidly. The change in the atmosphere leads to floods in some areas while others face scarcity of water. Forests and animals will become extinct as they are effected badly



**In order to bring global warming under control, awareness should be created through campaigns and rallies. Instead of cutting down trees, we should plant more trees. Consumption of fuel should be minimal. Metro train or car pooling are best options to opt in order to reduce traffic in cities**

**It is high time for us to understand the harmful effects we are causing to our mother earth. I request you to highlight this issue in your esteemed daily to spread awareness among citizens**

**Yours truly**

**Sumatha**

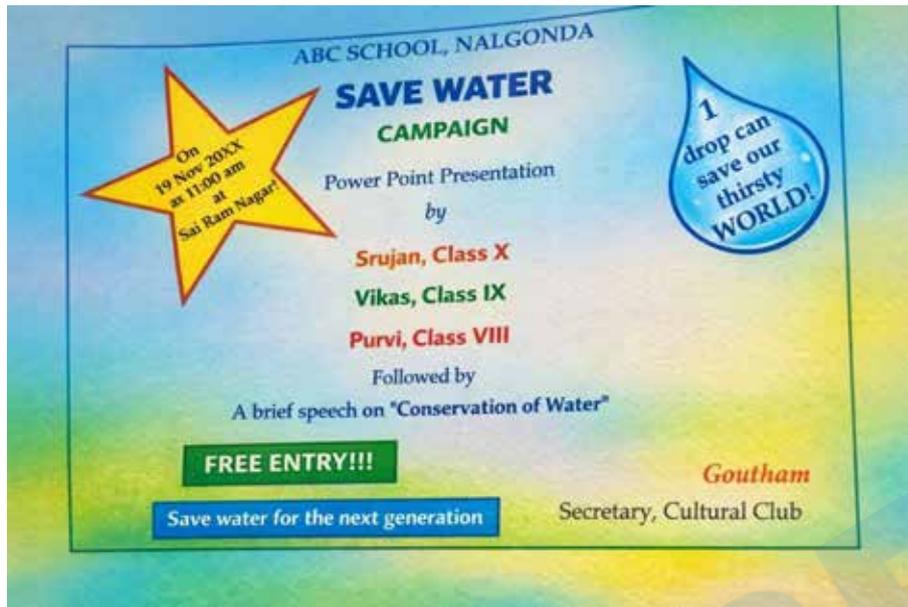
**Q.No. 15:**

**Wednesday  
21 October 20XX  
10:00 pm**

**Today has been a joyous day because we won the inter-school sports tournament. It was not. easy to win this tournament as there were many players who played better than us. I am glad to have my best friends Aravindan and Sivaprakasan in our team. We were determined to win this tournament in order to make our school proud. We did it! That's giving me enormous joy. It was a basketball tournament. There were two rounds in the competition. We defeated the opponent team in both the rounds. I really appreciate the opposite team for making our fight for win a tough one. I am elated to have nailed this tournament with my friends. Our efforts really did pay off Our principal, teachers and students felt happy for this achievement.**

**XXXXX**

Q.NO:16



**PART-B**

Q.No. (17-21):

17. D) the writer's love for the singing of the skylark

18. B) earth and the sky

19 C)cheerful

20 B) I walking on the path between corn fields

21 (A) skylark's partner

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**Q.No. (27-31):**

- 27. (A) Health**
- 28. c) reflection**
- 29. (b) what**
- 30.(b) believed**
- 31 (d) exists**

**Q.No. (32-36):**

- 32. handicapped**
- 33 inspiring/ inspirational**
- 34. use**
- 35. discourage**
- 36. article**

**X-----X**

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